

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Applicants now have 10 independent claims in the application. Applicants have previously paid for nine independent claims --- the original three with the basic filing fee plus six additional independent claims. So applicants herewith are paying for one additional independent claim.

I. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

A. Acres et al.

Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 16-18, 39-42, 50-53, 55-58, and 60-63 were rejected as anticipated by Acres et al. (U.S. 3,915,898). Applicants have canceled all of these claims except for claim 9, and request reconsideration of claim 9. The Acres patent presents its Pt/Ni/Cr catalyst gauze in terms of *weight* percent (see Acres claim 2), which converts to atomic percent as follows for comparison to applicants' claim 9:

	Acres wt %	Acres atomic %	Claim 9 atomic %
Pt	16	5.3	15 - 40
Ni	67	73.5	45 - 70
Cr	17	21.2	5 - 25

Inasmuch as the Acres Pt/Ni/Cr composition falls substantially outside the Pt and Ni ranges required in claim 9, there is no anticipation. Applicants therefore respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 9 based on Acres.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge the indication that claims 3, 10-14, 19, 43-49, 54, 59, and 64 are allowed or allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and allowance of the pending claims 3, 9, 10-14, 43-49, 54, 59, and 64.

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